23 February 69

Harold —

Please forgive great haste — I have a thousand things to do, reading your stuff and still getting prepared for classes tomorrow.

Here are corrections for <u>coup</u>.

Herald is still on the line and interested. He was away from Dallas and did not get my mail until recently. I'll call him later.

Thanks again for a great few days at your place. My mind is still reeling.

I have not yet had a chance to get to Post-Mortem III.

I can see why Foreman came off so poorly at the autopsy hearing; his piece has some really stupid flaws in it.

Dick

BERNABEI

2/11/69

Dear Dick,

Now, if you want to argue that maybe Oswald did use a car in getting into Mexico, try the enclosed pages of CDs 598 a & e.

Not that I believe it, but.....

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2/11/69

Dear Dick,

Your excellent Frazier memo arrived yesterday. Last night I was in touch with a trusted radio-reporter friend who syndicates to 86 stations and can occasionally feed the wire services. He will seek a copy of the memo in N.O., for use after Frazier's testimony if it is not used there, and will be in touch with me if he cannot get it. You see, N.O. has a doctrine about the case I find both uncongenial and erroneous, that LHO was part of a conspiracy. However, I recommended Frazier and a witness, provided a brief memo on him, etc. Questioning him solidly is not inconsistent with their doctrine (as I see it), so they may. We'll have to see. I suggest you hold off duplicating it until after his testimony. When you do, I suggest you attend the third paragraph on page 5. It is a non sequitur, in which each of the unrelated thoughts is correct.

It is possible that I may want to use this in some form in AGENT OSWALD when I return to that. I intend a section on how he was framed, in just this sense, that of a conscious frameup on the official level.

Relet 2/6, arr. today (long time again): I had asked Sylvia for any references she recalls. She gave me CDs 1335,7. These are the ones I recall only. I have just glanced at them and have no reason to be certain 1337 as printed is complete. I think it wrong not to get what the Archives has now. Do not do it in your name if you have apprehensions on that score, nor in the name of your drop, but in another. There is one thing in the two printed reports that makes me uneasy: the statement he destroyed his tapes and notes. This is inconsistent with the behavior of a serious, competent newsman of any kind - if he did that.

Play him slowly. If you run into a block, I think I can give you a name in Dallas for him to phone and check on me and you can then say (if he backs off) that you are working with me.

On the old car bit: this is consistent. The strange thing is that with all the references to a car, no one has ever reported any other than a real old one that I can recall. Some time ago I asked Murr (who has long been silent) to prepare a memo on references to vehicles. Perhaps a copy can help you. I recall something about an Alice radio announcer but now cannot place it. Perhaps Hoch of Schoener will be able to.

On your tape recorder: when not otherwise using it, why not keep it near the phone, ready? It is no trick at all, esp. if it is battery-operated.

Hoch and Schoener are graduate students. Both have studies to keep up with. I am surprised they find as much time as they do. They may be a while responding.

On Dawney: I'd like copies of those three articles to include in the appendix of COUP D'ETAT. I have the essence of it in a chapter entitled "The El Biri Emissary", but he has added detail. The British papers are different than ours in that they do have genuine experts with genuine contacts. The Telegraph, for example, has a guy so well established in southern Africa that they apparently phoned him for help getting to Rhodesia. If Dawney can supply clear copies I could use them in facsimile, as with similes in PI....I cannot write Dawney myself because there is a thing between us: the money he owes me.

Your PS refers to what is occupational. If you are aware, that is as much as you can expect of yourself.

Sincerely,

2/6/68

Dear Dick,

Futility overwhelms when I read ax letter likes Sprague's of 2.4 to you. It is all so childish, so pointless, so without meaning. With the best intentions, too. I do not doubt his sincerity. I draw no sustainance when I read his analysis of the new Clark material. This is one of the reasons why, when I enjoy good personal relations with Fensterwald, like him personally and trust him with whatever I have that he wants, I do not and will not join his group.

I am very much for such an idea, if anyone can come up with something worthwhile, without something other than futilities. I see very little viable work being done and none by those making the most strident sounds. I also fear that there are too many opportunities for disaster from some.

When he was going around digging up pictures I was all for what Sprague was doing and it was important. Now that he pontificates endlessly about what he does not understand and has suddenly been bit by the know-all, tell-all bug, I feel otherwise. He is perhaps the biggest confabulator among us, and we've paved too many roads already. Nothing against him personally at all. I offer these opinions in the hope they may help you. I tell him nothing I regard as important because there is no telling where it will stop.

Put Sprague in a conference room with those he mentions and there will be no deal, then or ever. This is best way to turn responsible people off.

I do not know how much time you have, and I do not want to be discouraging. I think it was not wise to announce Herald, as perhaps erroneously I take it you did. Keep this sort of thing to yourself save where it can good some good to let others know and then others you know you can trust. I've told only two, and I've asked both because I think they can help you.

If you are interested in Honest Joe, there is some of this in NY. You'll find the car or one of the cars was on Pacific....I just do not think a bunch of punks pulled this off. They could however, been used by pros, esp. to attract pointing fingers.

I do not recall your plans as you mentioned them. I will be home save part of 2/12, probably all day 2/14. I expect Bob Butler here part of next week. There is room for you both. If you let me know when you expect to be here, I'll plan. Aside from raw materials, I've the ms of three books ready to publish and others partly done. You can read away. I'll write if this is your desire. Unless there is action in DC the week of 2/17, I have no plans for leaving.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg